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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 1 64

Part B for April 1920

SUBJECT

Sale for the Theosophical Lodge at Malleswaram Bangalore City

(1) From The President, Bangalore City Municipal Council No 61 dt 30-5-19

Submits for sanction a copy of the resolution of the City Municipal Council recommending the free grant of a site measuring 27 8' X 140' between the Hanuman Thevaya Temples and the Sri Krishnaswamy temple and between the 9th & 10th Cross Road in M. Malleswaram Extention to the Theosophical Society for the construction of a Lodge

(4) W D 1250 3PB—30/5/19 From President, Bangalore City Municipal Council No R 1225-3 dt 19-4-20

Observes that it is undesirable

allow that site to be built upon by any one and that it should continue to remain open for a park as originally intended, attempts being made in the meanwhile to plant up with trees, if possible.

S. Radhakrishnan

Vice Ab/ 24/4/20

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Jul)

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File No 88-19.

FILE HEADING

File for the Theosophical Lodge at Malleswaram, Bangalore city

From the President, Bangalore City Civil Council.

No. 61 Dated 30-8-19 Received 8-9-19

Diary No. 838	Enclos 3 Spare Copies	Serial No /

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Submits for sanction a copy of the resolution of the City Civil Council recommending the free grant of a site measuring 275' x 140' between the Dhanwantaraya temple and the Sri Krishnaswamy temple and between the 9th and 10th Cross Roads of the Malleswaram Extension to the Theosophical Society for the construction of a Lodge thereon subject to such conditions as the Council may impose.

NOTES AND ORDERS

The locality now applied for ~~is~~ is the remaining portion of a plot of land reserved for a Park while forming the Malleswaram Extension (Vide the plan accompanying the papers under disposal)

2 out of this, a plot of ground measuring 276'...

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was given away free of cost for the Construction of a Sri Krishnaswamy temple under G.O No 1162/Rev F 36-969 4th Feb 1902

3) Subsequently another plot of land out of the said Park Ground measuring 180'X 10' was granted free of cost for the Construction of another temple of Anjaneyaswamy under G.O No 7615-8/Rel 278-08-7 of the 2nd April 1909.

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4) Before granting the above site to the Anjaneya Temple, the consent of the owners of houses in the vicinity of the Park were obtained for the grant.

5) Now to come to the present reference from the President, a protest from certain residents of Nallenswaram against the proposed grant of the site to the Theosophical Society has been sent from the President along with his present reference. It is not known whether the signatories to the protest include the names of the owners of houses in the vicinity of the locality now in question and if not, the ascertainment of their wishes in the matter seems to be desirable as was done in the case of the land given to the Anjaneya temple.

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6) The main reasons for the protest are the following.

1) After the Park had been handed over to the municipality, several proposals were brought forward to divert the purpose but on the strong protest of the residents, all of them felt that these proposals include the following :- (1) Erection of a V. School (2) a Police Station (3) a Dispensary & (4) a building for the Cooperative Society.

2) If the request of the Theosophical Society members are granted, an inconvenient precedent would be caused

3) The site now in question is being used as play ground by the boys and children of the neighbourhood and by the students of the Sanskrit Pathasala

As an alternative they suggest that the plot of land reserved for the market and dispensary, for which the Theosophical Society originally applied and refused, or any other land may be given to the said Society.

A piece of land on the Fort glacis measuring about 2 acres was granted to the

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(1) the Bombay City Branch of the Theosophical Society subject to certain conditions under G No 9660-1/Rel 255-05-4 dy 17th March 1906.

Submitted for orders

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(2) Please see para 3 of the protest petn where are the papers relating to these proposals? Were they used in any of the Sects? If so, they may be obtd & put up. Thereafter it may be informally ascertained whether they were disposed of in the Rel dept itself.

MK
22/9/19

(3) It is informally ascertained from the Rel Dept that the plot in question was not applied for the above purpose.

4/10/19

(4) Part of the beg plot originally reserved for a park, when the realignment of the rd was laid out, two large lots have already been made over & two important religious institutions between these two temples is the lot of land under dispute. The small lot of land will not really be sufficient for a play ground and as regards its being treated as a temp space, there does not appear to be much need for it. After all the organisers

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the movement may be relied upon to keep the area in a stern condition It is in the fitness of things that the Theosphical Society which Exercises such a wholesome influence in promoting tolerance in whatever worship should find a habitation here Theosphical Society buildings are usually clean, tidy places with gardens laid out and in every respect an attractive centre for concentrating attention on good thoughts Such being the case their Exclusion from the locality on the ground that they make the area congested appears to somewhat unreasonable

For orders

MC
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(2) The petn of protest is signed by a large number of people, including several leading gentlemen of the locality Some weight has to be attached to their representation

(3) It is a case of a free grant, and the Theosophical Society may choose some other place free from objection

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Instructions given by Dewan to consult Mr Hope Denison personally MZ 29-10 19.

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	Issue despatch to the Press placed on file — 30 10 19
2	D.O. No. A 2010 dy 1.11.19 from the President, Bangalore addressed Rural Council. Enquires in the circumstances stated whether it would not be more expedient to select some other site for grant to the Theosophical Society and decide once for all to keep the area now in question open for the original purpose of forming a park.
3	D.O. No. 220 dy 20.1.20 from the President, Bangalore addressed Rural Council. States that the objections raised in para 4 of the protest-petition and other points mentioned therein were personally urged by Dr. Venkataramayya, Rural Member of the Malleswaram Sub-Committee at the time the question was discussed fully in the Rural Council, and that after the Council may that after due deliberation the majority in Council have decided against the interests of the petitioners, as 9 persons voted for the grant of the site only one who voted against the proposal and adds further that in his opinion the Park area lying to the north of the Sri Venugopalaswami Temple seems sufficiently large for a park in an extensive

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Land laid out with an absolute width of roads and that the question of congestion does not arise by putting up a small building for the Theosophical Society in the area purposed to be granted.

(6) The plan of the Park Board has submitted by the President clearly indicates the portions of the Park already disposed of for other purposes.

(7) Submitted for orders with ref to para 3 of Despatch

29/1 (8) Rev Secy 29/1 2-2-20

After all, it seems better to let the Theosophical Society make a choice elsewhere.

Dewan 3-2-20

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd on FEB 4 1920
Reg. No 5295

I do not see any reason to refuse the request of the Theosophical Society. The land is not required for any other purpose. It is a waste land and is not fit for cultivation. The Society will be able to develop the land and make it useful. The Society will also be able to provide employment to the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the education of the children of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the recreation of the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the worship of the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the medical relief of the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the poor of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the distressed of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the sick of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the aged of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the infirm of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the destitute of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the orphans of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the widows of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the children of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the women of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the men of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the inhabitants of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the residents of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the citizens of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the subjects of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the people of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the inhabitants of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the residents of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the citizens of the locality. The Society will also be able to provide facilities for the relief of the subjects of the locality.

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	Draft is sent for appl. 15.4.20
4	Letter No 12253 dt 19.4.20 to the President, Bilaspur Dist Council observing that it is unnecessary to adhere this rule to be strictly upon by any body one and that it should continue to remain open for a Park as originally intended, attempts being made in the meanwhile to plant it up with trees, if possible.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated, 30-5-1919.

From

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, Esq., C I E,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

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To
E. RAMASWAMAIYA, Esq., B.A. B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, B A N G A L O R E.

S i r,

I have the honour to submit herewith for orders of Government, copy of resolution No 7 of the City Municipal Council dated 31st May 1919 regarding the free grant of a site to the Theosophical Lodge at Malleswaram. The Society has long been asking for a suitable site for the construction of a building and for one reason or other the alternative sites selected by the Theosophical Lodge were not approved by the Council The Council have finally approved that site measuring 278' x 140' between the Hanumantharaya Temple and the Sri Krishnaswami Temple between the 9th and 10th Cross Roads may be given to the Lodge free of cost subject to such conditions as the Council may impose A sketch showing the position of the site proposed to be granted is submitted. I request that Government may be pleased to sanction the recommendation of the Council.

2. A petition from some of the residents of Malleswaram protesting against the proposed grant of the site to the Theosophical Society is also forwarded herewith for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President.

Proceedings of the Special General Meeting of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore, held in the Council Chamber, City Municipal Office, on Saturday the 31st May 1919

PRESENT.

Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana

K P Puttanna Chetty, Esq , C.I.E., Honorary President.

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7 Application from Mr S M Jagannatha Chetty applying for the free grant of a site between the Hanumantharaya Temple and Sri Krishnaswami Temple for constructing a Theosophical Society - building in Malleswaram.

[illegible] The site applied for be granted free of cost subject to such conditions as the Council may impose (Voting 9 for and 1 against).

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(Sd) K P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President.

For Honorary President.

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To Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha
Bhimbhana KP Pattanna Chetty
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Date of issue 7/11/19

Signed by for B Rama Iyengar

Dear Sir,

With reference to your Offl letter No 61 dated 2 9 19, regarding the free grant of a site to the Theosophical Society in Mallesvaram, I am desired to request the favour of your opinion on the petition of protest from some residents of the locality

over

SUBJECT

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Received with your letter,
and enclosed herein for your kind
reference and return. If,
as stated in para 3 of the petn,
disposal of the site for the several
other important purposes indicated therein
had been declined, would in the past,
the complaint against its disposal,
as now proposed, not be well-
founded? Having regard to the
and other circumstances narrated
in the petn, would it not be
more expedient to select some other
site for grant to the Theosophical
Society, and decide once for all to
keep the area now in question
open for the original purpose
of forming a park?

Yours sincerely

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Office of the City Municipal Council,

D.O No 210 Bangalore dated the 20th January 1920

Encl one Petition + a Statement

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D O letter No 5010/Ml 38-19-2 dated 1st November 1919, forwarding for my opinion the petition from some of the residents of Malleswaram protesting against the proposed allotment of a site to the Theosophical Society as approved in Municipal Council's resolution of 31-5-1919 and recommended in my letter No 61 dated 2nd September 1919, I beg to say that the objection raised in para 4 of the protest-petition and other points mentioned therein were personally urged by Mr Venkata ranga Iyengar, the Municipal Councillor of Malleswaram Division at the time the question was discussed fully in the Municipal Council The voting was 9 were in favor of the grant of the site, and only one against the proposal I cannot say that after due deliberation the majority in the Council have decided against the interests of the Extension The Theosophical Society, whatever its sphere of influence, deserves at the hands of the Municipal Council as much consideration as any other Institution of the kind

2 I have herein enclosed a sketch of the area reserved for a Park in Malleswaram, out of which the Southern plot between the 11th and 8th Cross Roads was virtually cut off from it by building the Sri Venugopalaswami and Anjaneya Temples It is the isolated plot between the two temples that is now proposed to be granted to the Theosophical Society after continuing the 10th and 9th Cross Roads and widening the East and West Park Roads That the continuation of 10th and 9th Cross Roads is an improvement is endorsed by the statement made in para 4 (d) of the petition In my opinion the Park area lying to the North of Sri Venugopalaswami Temple seems sufficiently large for the purpose intended viz, for a Park in an Extension laid out with over-liberal width of Roads The question of congestion does not arise by putting up a small building for the Theosophical Society in the area proposed to be granted. What is much more important is the prevention of "internal congestion", if I may so call it by over-build-

over-building in a unit site

3 The remaining area of the Park is quite big enough to serve as play ground

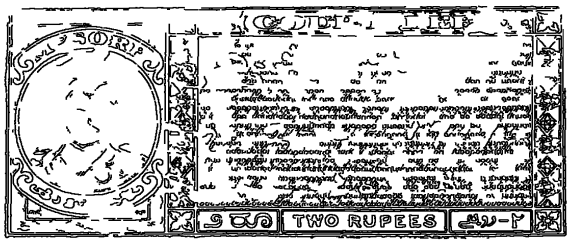
The petition is herewith returned

Yours sincerely,

Honorary President

To

B.RAMASWAMAIYA, ESQ , B A , B L ,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Rev , Dept ,
B A N G A L O R E



To

Albion Rajkumar BANNERJI, Esq., M A., I C.S., C I.E

Dewan of MYSORE,

B A N G A L O R E

[Through the Honorary President, Cly Municipal Council, Bangalore]

Sir,

I We the undersigned residents of the Malleswaram Extension, Bangalore, beg to bring the following facts into your kind consideration

1. At the time of laying out the Malleswaram Extension Sir K Seshadri Iyer and his colleagues caused an extensive piece of land to be reserved for a Park between the seventh and sixteenth Cross Roads, in the congested part of the Extension, on sanitary grounds In consequence of this arrangement - the width of the adjoining roads, viz , the East Park Road and the West Park Road was reduced to 20 feet, whereas the minimum width of roads in other parts of the Extension is - 40 feet

2 Soon after, on public grounds, two bits of land in this reserved area, were granted by Government for the erection of two temples, viz , Sri Venu Gopala Krishna Swamy - Temple and Sri Anjaneya Temple, leaving sufficient vacant space - between them (Vide Govt Proceedings Nos 1163-Muz F 36-98, dated 4-2-1903, and 9815-8/Munl 278-08-7, dated 2-4-1907) These two temples are regular Muzrai institutions, and are in receipt of Government grants for their maintenance (Vide Government Proceedings No 3797-800½ Muz F 36 of 1896, dated 12-3-1906, and T D Nc 84-63012, dated 1st September 1903, and Nos 2297-8 Muz F.509-09-4, dated 15-3-1911, and 948-51/Muz F 415-13-8, dated 13-11-1914) The Govt, in view of the temples, a sample why the area should not be reduced, it seems.

3 With the exception of these two bits, the remaining land has been set apart as a Park, and the Govt Botanist -

in his letter No 559, dated 16th November 1915, promised to take steps to improve the Park, but on account of the war, he was prevented from doing so After the Park was handed over to the Municipality, several proposals were brought forward - to divert the purpose for which it was originally designed, but on the strong protest of the residents, all of them fell through. These proposals included the following - (i) Construction of an Anglo Vernacular School on the Park ground, (ii) Construction of a Police Station, (iii) Erection of a Dispensary, (iv) Location of the Co-operative Society, &c.

4 Such being the case, we are surprised to learn that at the last meeting of the Municipal Council, a resolution was deliberately passed, recommending the allotment of a portion of the said Park for the construction of a Theosophical Lodge -- between the aforesaid temples The proceedings of the Municipality in this respect are most objectionable for the following among other reasons.-

(a) The object with which the Park was designed, - will be frustrated thereby,

(b) An inconvenient precedent will be caused,

(c) The site now recommended to be given to the - Theosophical Society, is being used by the boys and -- children of the neighbourhood, and by the students of the Sanskrit Pathasala as a play ground

(d) Wherever there are no cross roads joining the main roads, the public have been accustomed to go across the Park, and any diversion of the Park in the way now proposed by the Municipality, will cause great inconvenience to the public The 9th and 10th Cross roads referred to in the Theosophical Society's application to the Municipal President, are only blind roads, not running through the Park.

5. It appears that the Theosophical Society first applied for a site in the plot reserved for the Market and Dispensary. The Municipality refused to sanction it on the ground that the said plot was reserved by Government for a specific purpose We submit that the same argument ought to hold good in the case of the Park Site with greater force

6. Further, the Chairman of the City Improvement Board (Committee) has recommended the reservation of sites for open spaces, Parks, Children's play ground, &c , in other parts of the City and other Extensions (Vide Para 28 of his letter - No 10 -C.I., dated 15th -22nd July 1914). In the face of this, there can be no justification for this retrograde step of diverting the purpose of the existing Park, in the case of the Malleswaram Extension alone. But we have no objection whatever to a site being granted to the Theosophical Society in the plot set apart for the Market and Dispensary; or elsewhere

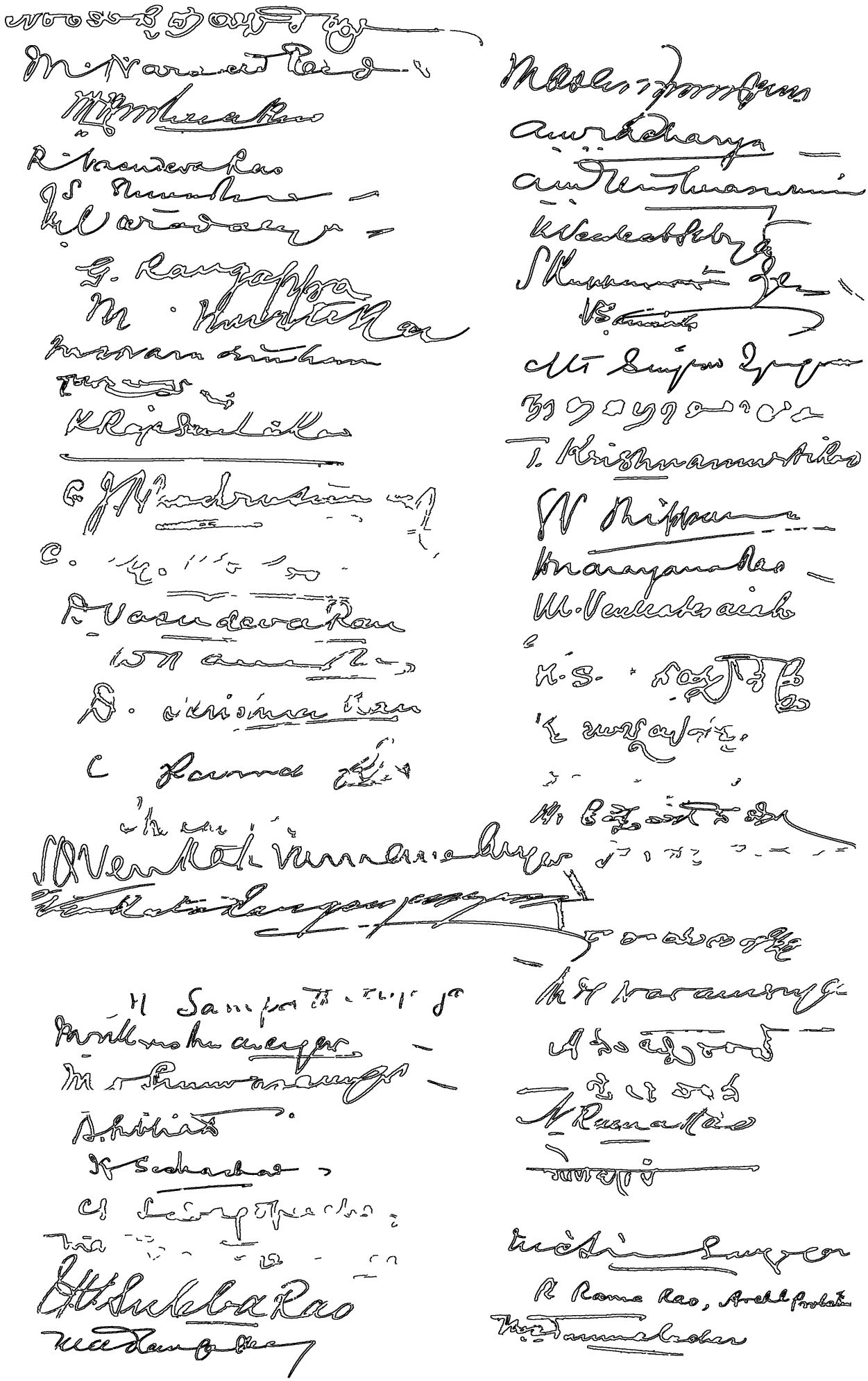
7. Under these circumstances, we beg to submit our strong protest against the resolution of the Municipality, and pray that the Government may be graciously pleased to direct that the Park Site should, on no account, be allowed to be used for purposes other than those intended by Government originally and to prevent such attempts to encroach the park ground, early arrangements may be made to lay out the park.

2 June 1919.
Malleswaram, BANGALORE.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,



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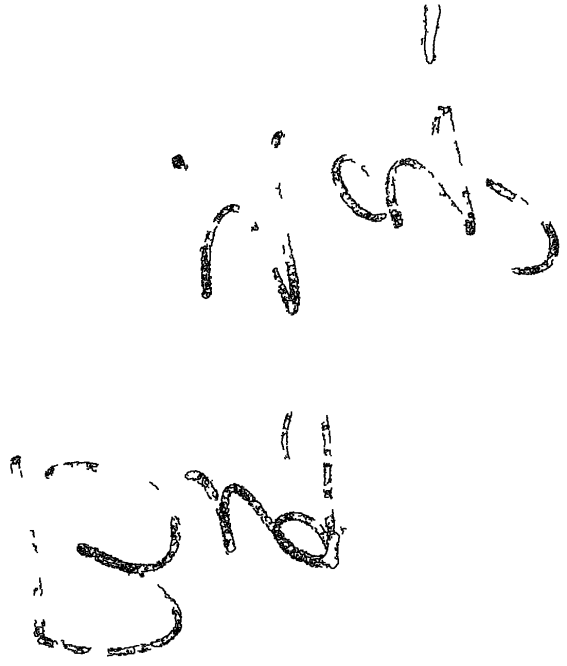

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SUBJECT re Grant of a site at Mallewaram for the Theosophical Society.

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Serial No 4

No R 12253 el 19-4-20

To

The President of the
Bangalore City Municipal Council.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 2209 dt 20th January 1920 in the matter of a free Grant of a portion of the Park Ground between the 9th and 10th Cross Road at Malleswaram to the Theosophical Society, I am directed to observe that it is undesirable to allow this site, situated as it is between two temples,

over

to be built upon by any one
and that it should remain
open for a park as originally
intended, and although
being made in the immediate
to plant it up with trees,
the whole period

I am also to enquire your attention to this office letter No R12252 dated 4-4
[illegible] regarding the location of the Wesleyan
Society's Chapel

Your Very

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